

A special meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Nancy McCormick at 7:33 p.m., pursuant to notice, in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers present were: Allen, Cole, Marchione, Robinson, and Vache.

ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE IMPACT FEE UPDATE,  
FILE NO. L060250

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council, recommended adopting an ordinance to update fire, park and transportation impact fees, establish new school impact fees, index impact fees, and revise administrative procedures in the Redmond Community Development Guide (RCDG).

Councilmember Marchione questioned placing the impact fees in the Redmond Community Development Guide and not in the Redmond Municipal Code where the fees could more easily be changed by Council, if necessary. He expressed his concern over automatically indexing the fees and said to index properly the impact fees should appear in the Municipal Code, but any changes in the structure of the fees should go through the Planning Commission. Councilmembers engaged in a general discussion of where the impact fees should be placed and a majority favored keeping the impact fees in the Redmond Community Development Guide.

Councilmember Cole preferred the impact fees be reviewed in two years, consistent with the budget cycle, rather than the three-year review cycle proposed. Councilmembers discussed the merits of a two-year versus a three-year review cycle.

Councilmember Allen suggested reevaluating the impact fees when a proposed sprinkler ordinance is reviewed which may include a reduction in impact fees for buildings that include sprinklers.

Councilmember McCormick commented other cities should have school impact fees and that Lake Washington School District has not adequately justified the proposed fees. She suggested adopting the ordinance without the school impact fees. Councilmembers engaged in general discussion regarding the need for the City of Kirkland to impose school impact fees.

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Cole, to adopt Ordinance No. 2297 excluding the imposition of school impact fees and changing the review date to December 31, 2008.

Terry Marpert, Senior Planner, presented changes to Attachment 1 of the Ordinance on page 22 of 24 titled Redmond Community Development Guide 20D.210 Transportation Standards. Mr. Marpert suggested deleting the references to 2009 in the Attachment. Councilmembers concurred.

Councilmember McCormick made a friendly amendment to the motion to delete the words "or decrease" in the changes presented to Attachment 1.

Councilmember Vache said he would vote against the motion. He commented the Council was making the wrong choice by excluding school impact fees and the City will face increased costs since the fees will continue to be collected under SEPA.

Ordinance No. 2297, an ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, amending various sections of Chapters 20A.20, 20D.60.10, 20D.210.10, and 20D.210.15 of the Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide in order to update the City's fire, park and transportation impact fee amounts to meet current costs, to tie increases in such impact fees to recognized cost escalators; providing for severability and establishing an effective date, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Allen, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, and Robinson voted aye. Motion carried (5 - 1) with Vache voting nay.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. Allen, to adopt Ordinance No. 2298 imposing school impact fees that would sunset on December 31, 2007 unless Kirkland implements school impact fees.

Councilmember Cole suggested a friendly amendment to the motion to change the sunset date to December 31, 2008.

Councilmember Marchione said he would vote no on the motion. He commented he would rather be proactive on this issue than wait for somebody else.

Councilmember Vache commented if imposing school impact fees is the right thing to do then it is not the Council's role to put pressure on Kirkland to do something.

Upon a poll of the Council, Allen and Cole voted aye. Motion failed (2 - 4) with Marchione, McCormick, Robinson, and Vache voting nay.

Motion by Mr. Vache, second by Mr. Marchione, to adopt Ordinance No. 2298 imposing school impact fees without the sunset provision outlined in the previous motion.

Upon a poll of the Council, Marchione, Robinson, and Vache voted aye. Motion failed (3 - 3) with Allen, Cole, and McCormick voting nay.

Councilmember Cole suggested sending a strongly worded letter to Kirkland.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Mr. Vache, to reconsider the previous motion adopting Ordinance No. 2298 imposing school impact fees that would sunset on December 31, 2008 unless Kirkland implements school impact fees. Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0).

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. Allen, to adopt Ordinance No. 2298 imposing school impact fees that would sunset on December 31, 2008 unless Kirkland implements school impact fees.

Ordinance No. 2298, an ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, amending various sections of Chapters 20A.20, 20D.60.10, 20D.210.10, and 20D.210.15 of the Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide in order to impose school impact fees, to tie increases in school impact fees to specified calculations, providing for severability and establishing an effective date, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Allen, Cole, Marchione, Robinson and Vache voted aye. Motion carried (5 - 1) with McCormick voting nay.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor Pro Tempore adjourned the special meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

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